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CRATIC FORCES OLD REINS IN JAPAN

**Count Okuma to Power a
Remarkable Shift in
Affairs.**

**Premier Is 76 Years Old and
to His Job of Reforms
Ardor of Younger Man.**

April 20.—Exercising in Japan

ates, to use the words of a Japanese newspaper, that in the midst of a silent but struggle between the democratic the conservative and bureauc-
Shigenobu Okuma, who has his best friends by the rad-
his utterances in the past shows that democratic forces
a signal victory for the mo-
is not too much to say that
commendation of Count Okuma

by the few remaining elders of the empire was really out to the voice of the people. The statesmen, or genro, had selected Viscount Kiyoura in 1898 to keep the reins of government in the hands of the bureaucrats and nobles, but the protest from the younger groups in the house of representatives was so strong that he was forced to abandon his task of running a cabinet. At the same time the genro, who now

were severely condemned by
 as no longer representing the
 which desired that the gov-
 should pass from the hands of
 into the hands of the people.
 Okuma himself had been a
 the genro, but his radicalism
 no longer welcome among the
 he resigned.
 vanishing fear of this most
 chapter in recent Japanese
 the shift from a man of the
 type to Count Okuma. The
 always joyfully preached his
 he will live to be 125 years

gives some inkling of the democratic nature of the man

Announces His Mission.

He formed his cabinet he called newspaper reporters into his office. "Now I want you to give us news. My mission is to remove the forces of bureaucracy which have retarded the progress of constitutional government, especially when it has joined with the so-called political forces are going to be the captain.

and passengers must trust the
have a good deal to do. I
sea commander, but if I keep
long I will have to take back
claration about living to be
new premier is now seventy-
kuma said he wanted to get
and criticism of clan government
and evil. He wanted to stop
between the army and
establish harmony on ques-
national defense. He would
rruption. He was optimistic
anese finance, believing it to
ealthy and sound foundation.
try to make it still more stable.

was heavily burdened with this was to be relieved by the new cabinet. The premier has gathered about him a corps of ministers, some of the ablest men in Japan. He has served in the office of ambassador to the United States. He is regarded as a diplomat and as the probable successor to the premiership.

He has just written a series on constitutional government such headings as "Clean Lawmaking," "How the Navy Must Be Cleaned Expanded."

Japan demand a fair field for "At present," he said, "bound hand and foot in the s of laws and regulations ntional official ideas, while ements are quite free under on of the same laws and mer concluded: "All intelli- vers have recently noticed ges in the political psychol- pan, but few see its true e mobs, the demonstrations and of excitement have but ds of rage, namely, the strong de- creasing struggle for equal es."

Field for Housebreaking.
Lancaster and Beauford, colored, are under arrest for housebreaking. It is alleged they broke into a store at 1434 New York street northwest and stole several articles of other property. Lancaster's address is 121 Chew court, and several days ago, while his wife, who resides at 429 V street, was arrested last night by Deornwell and Berman. The police are investigating the case.

soda purchases (from Chile)
ted States in the fiscal year
ed a high level—\$20,718,968,
431,892 in 1912.